

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1278

Introduced by Assembly Member Jerome Horton

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section 51224 of the Education Code, relating to secondary school course of study.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1278, as introduced, Jerome Horton. Secondary school courses of study: economics of higher education.

(1) Existing law requires the governing board of each school district maintaining a high school to prescribe certain course of study designed to provide the skills and knowledge required for adult life for pupils attending the schools within its school district.

This bill would add to these requirements courses of study relating to the economics of higher education and instruction on completing forms relating to student financial aid. By placing additional duties on the governing boards of school districts, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,

reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51224 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 51224. (a) The governing board of ~~any~~ *each* school district
4 maintaining a high school shall prescribe courses of study
5 designed to provide the skills and knowledge required for adult life
6 for pupils attending the schools within its school district. ~~The~~

7 (b) *The governing board shall prescribe separate courses of*
8 *study, including, but not limited to, a all of the following:*

9 (1) A course of study designed to prepare prospective pupils for
10 admission to state colleges and universities.

11 (2) ~~and a~~ A course of study for career technical training.

12 (3) *Separate courses of study on the economics of higher*
13 *education that include, but are not limited to, all of the following:*

14 (A) *The income benefits of vocational education and of*
15 *associate, bachelor's, graduate, and professional degrees.*

16 (B) *The costs of higher education at public and private*
17 *institutions of higher education in California.*

18 (C) *The availability of state, federal, and institutional aid for*
19 *students seeking a higher education.*

20 (D) *The entitlements to Cal Grant awards for high school*
21 *graduates, including information relating to income and*
22 *grade-point-average (GPA) qualifications.*

23 (4) *Instruction on completing the forms necessary to establish*
24 *eligibility for Cal Grant awards, including the Free Application*
25 *for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and GPA verification forms.*

26 (c) *It is not the intent of the Legislature to require the course of*
27 *study set forth in subdivision (b) to be carried out in separate*
28 *courses.*

29 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government
30 Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this
31 act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local
32 agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant
33 to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title

1 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for
2 reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000),
3 reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims
4 Fund.

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